

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over United States Patent No. 6,693,795 to Tanaka et al. Applicants have cancelled Claims 6-10, without prejudice, thereby rendering this rejection moot with respect to these claims. Applicants have added new independent Claim 12, and new dependent Claim 13, and Applicants have also amended dependent Claim 11 to refer to Claim 12. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection does not apply to new independent Claim 12 and associated dependent Claims 11 and 13.

All of the features of new independent Claim 12 are not disclosed or suggested in Claims 1-4 of the Tanaka et al. patent. More specifically, Claim 12 defines an electronic apparatus that includes, *inter alia*, a second portion having a second distance between said two side surfaces, with the second distance being larger than said first distance, and being “approximately equal to the width of said display device.” One example of an embodiment including this feature is shown in Applicants’ Figures 3-4, which show a second portion between portions 26, which is approximately equal to the width of the display device 14. Accordingly, as all of the features of new Claim 12 are not disclosed or suggested in Claims 1-4 of the Tanaka et al. patent, an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of independent Claim 12 and associated Claims 11 and 13 should not be issued.

Claims 6-9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,122,167 to Smith et al. Applicants have cancelled Claims 6-9,

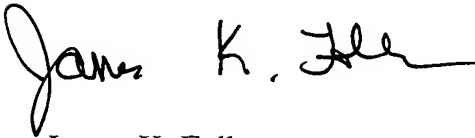
but will respond to this rejection as though it also applied to new independent Claim 12. Accordingly, as the rejection applies to new independent Claim 12, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Smith et al. reference fails to disclose all of the features of the present invention. More specifically, the Smith et al. reference does not disclose or suggest an electronic apparatus that includes the claimed first and second distances, and the relationships of these distances to each other and to the width of the display device, as now defined in new independent Claim 12. One example of an embodiment including the claimed relationships is shown in Applicants' Figure 3. Figure 3 shows a first distance between surfaces 28 and a second distance between edges 26, where the first distance is smaller than the width of the display device 12, and the second distance is larger than the first distance and approximately equal to the width of the display device 14. In contrast, the widths of Smith et al. asserted by the Examiner as the claimed first and second distances are both equal to each other, and both of these distances are equal to the width of the display device. Accordingly, as all of the features of independent Claim 12 are not disclosed in the Smith et al. reference, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection of independent Claim 12 and associated dependent Claims 11 and 13.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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